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"Where should we go this summer?" asked Dad. "I don't know, Dad," said Tom. "Me either," said his sister Angie. "I just want to take Lady with us, please." Lady was the family dog. She was so big that the Grants could not take her many places.

"I have an idea," said Dad. "We will go camping. The Great Smoky Mountains are pretty in the summer. We'll go there and camp. We can take Lady and we'll all sleep in tents."

The family began to make plans. Dad got the tents and the wood for campfires. Mom packed the car. "Did we forget anything?" asked Dad. "We forgot Lady!" said Angie. She ran back to the house to get the dog. Lady climbed into the car and the family was off.

They drove for a long time and then stopped at Camp Wiki. Dad set up the tents and Mom unpacked the clothes. Tom and Angie started the campfire and they roasted hot dogs over the fire. "These are so good," said Tom. "May I have another hot dog, please?" "Yes," said Mom, and she passed another hot dog to Tom.

The next day they went to the caves. A guide showed them through the caves. It was dark and cold down under the ground, and Tom took pictures to show his friends. It looked like a magic place down in the caves.

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